

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical portable cellular phone having a character recognition function is provided which is capable of reducing a rate of character recognition error or a rate of character recognition failure in case of reading a character string. When a character recognizing section judges a captured character to be unrecognizable (misread or unreadable), a data referencing section judges whether or not incorrect character code due to the unrecognizable character corresponds to any one of feature character strings, referring to information about the feature character strings stored in a memory. When it is judged that the incorrect character code corresponds to any one of the feature character strings, a data correcting section corrects in a manner that a form of the incorrect character code matches up with that of the feature character string.